



Lincoln City Football Club



versus
Wycombe Wanderers

Monday 2nd May 1988 KO 3.00pm

Unofficial Chairboys Express Programme

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Steve Buckley, Tony Simmons, David Mossman, Mark Serton, Leslie Hunter, Nigel Batch, Mick West, John McGinley, Trevor Matthewson, Andy Moore, Clive Evans.

Front Row Left to Right

David Clarke, Neil Franklin, Shane Nicholson, Colin Murphy (Manager) Bob Cumming, Dick Bates (Assistant Manager) Phil Brown, Paul Smith, Willie Gamble

PEN PICTURES

NIGEL BATCH: Close season signing from Grimsby Town. Vastly experienced keeper who made just under 400 senior appearances for the Mariners. Winner of a 3rd Division Championship medal in 1980. 21 second division appearances last season. Born in Huddersfield.

BOB CUMMING: Another close season signing from Grimsby. Utility left sided player who made over 400 senior appearances for the Mariners including 23 last season in Div 2. Has scored 64 senior goals. Winner of 3rd Div. championship medal in 1980. Scotsman born in Airdrie.

STEVE BUCKLEY: Ex Luton Town and Derby County left back who made 36 League appearances for the Imps last season. This vastly experienced player made 135 appearances for Luton before being transferred to Derby for £165,000. Made 364 appearances for the Rams before signing for the Imps in the summer of '86. Born in Barnsley.

TREVOR MATTHEWSON: Close season signing from Colin Murphy's old team, Stockport. Former Club Captain at Edgeley Park. Very highly regarded. Transfer fee settled by FA tribunal as clubs were unable to agree. Definite man to watch. Born in Sheffield and served his apprenticeship at Wednesday. Tall and strong. Made 45 appearances at the heart of Stockport's defence last season.

PHIL BROWN: Small fast hard working midfielder signed from Stockport during close season, having previously played for Chesterfield. Made 23 appearances for Stockport last campaign following 76 for Chesterfield where he served his apprenticeship. Winner of 4th Div. Championship medal in 1985. Born in Sheffield.

DAVID CLARKE: Close season signing from Notts County. Utility midfield/defender with the knack of scoring goals. Born in Nottingham, David gained England youth honours. Made over 140 appearances for the Magpies.

ANDY MOORE: Tall strong utility player who can play at full back, centre back or midfield. Another close season signing from Grimsby Town. Born in Cleethorpes Andy made 68 appearances for the Mariners. Tough strong player with a reputation to match.

JOHN MCGINLEY: A tall left winger who can also play as a central striker. Played at Sunderland and Charleroi (Belgium) before coming to Sincil Bank 3 years ago. Capable goal-scorer who left Sincil Bank at the end of August '86 in an exchange deal with Tony Simmons at Rotherham. John returned to the Imps at the end of January 1987.

CLIVE EVANS: Birkenhead born utility midfield/defender who served his apprenticeship at Tranmere making 178 League appearances scoring twenty seven goals before being transferred to Wigan for £25,000. Made 32 appearances for Latics before moving to Crewe. Signed for Stockport and made over 120 appearances scoring 14 goals including five this season before moving to Sincil Bank in mid September.

PAUL SMITH: Record fee signing for both Imps and non-league football at £48,000 when he signed for the Imps from Port Vale at the start of September. Very fast striker/winger who served his apprenticeship at Sheffield United. Scored nine goals last season for Vale. Made immediate impact at Sincil Bank scoring four goals in first five games.

MARK SERTORI: Twenty year old utility player signed on eve of season from Stockport. Played in both midfield and attack for Stockport in his three appearances last season. Six footer capable of scoring goals.

GRAHAM BRESSINGTON: Signed by Lincoln in November of this season for a fee of £17,500 from Wycombe Wanderers. Graham is a quality midfielder and has joined the professional ranks of Lincoln City having been one of the most highly rated young Semi-Pro's in the Country.

MANAGER COLIN MURPHY: In his second spell as Manager at Sincil Bank having served 7 years as Manager between 1978 and 1985 when he left and has had spells at Stockport (twice) and in Saudi Arabia. Colin formerly managed Derby County and had coaching experience at Notts Forest, Derby and Notts County. Has a great depth of experience in the transfer market and a good reputation for developing players, many of whom are now in the First Division including Mick Harford, Glenn Cockerill, Gordon Hobson, Trevor Peake, John Fashanu.

Jennings lashes ref as Stones crash

Stones 'cheated'

OBSERVER Thursday, April 21, 1988

Lincoln City 3
Wealdstone 0

WEALDSTONE have launched a furious attack on referee John Morley and opponents Lincoln City, claiming they were 'cheated' out of vital relegation points at Sincil Bank on Saturday.

Referee Morley awarded a penalty that never was; allowed one act of retaliation to snowball into a 15-man brawl; then sent off the wrong Wealdstone player while only booking the original culprit.

It all happened in eight mad minutes before half time. Until then, the 4,159 crowd — the largest Wealdstone have ever played in front of in the Conference — had seen Stones look likely to pick up at least a point.

And Wealdstone are now making an official protest to the league about the incident that started it all off — a very debatable penalty awarded in the 36th minute.

Wealdstone are complaining that referee Morley awarded the spot kick after a disagreement with Paul Bowgett. The centre half alleges he was told by the official: "You'll see what I mean by my next decision."

Within seconds he awarded the penalty against Bowgett for climbing at a corner. Morley appeared to see something nobody else in the whole ground could see and when he blew his whistle most people thought it was for a free kick to Wealdstone. Instead, he pointed to the spot.

Bowgett, the Wealdstone skipper, said: "It just wasn't a penalty. I could not believe the comments he made to me."

And Stones boss Tony Jennings added: "Awarding a penalty for that was an unfair decision. As far as that decision is concerned I would go as far as to say that we were cheated."

Nevertheless, Lincoln's John McGinley stepped up to send your Kevin Foster,

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making his debut in the Wealdstone goal, the wrong way to open the scoring.

Mick Pittaway was immediately booked for a furious outburst at the referee, pursuing him 40 yards up the pitch in protest.

Right from the kick off there was more misery for Stones when Danny Bailey attempted a back pass from some 35 yards which Phil Brown ran on to and chipped past the advancing Foster.

Then all hell broke loose. Lincoln's former Derby defender Steve Buckley, who had already made three bad challenges on Wealdstone players and got away with all of them, went one step too far with the inspirational, but temperamental, Tony Lynch.

He went in on Lynch from behind and as Lynch not surprisingly retaliated, a brawl developed around him involving about 25 players. Players punched, kicked and backed at each other in a sickening show of violence.

When it was all over, Wealdstone's Samson Olaleye, who was walking behind Lynch and Buckley at the time of the incident and appeared to have nothing to do with it, was sent off.

And while the baying crowd celebrated, Lincoln's Buckley, the instigator of the whole incident, was merely booked.

The normally mild Wealdstone boss Tony Jennings hit out furiously at the referee and at Lincoln

"The referee not only sent off the wrong man, but the over-the-top tackle that started it all off only earned the player a caution. It was a disgraceful tackle."

"I don't condone violence, but I think players have a right to be protected. In situations like that, when the referee doesn't do it, I wouldn't think much of my players if they weren't prepared to stand up for one another."

"I am saddened by the standard of refereeing in this game and in the Conference this season. It makes a mockery of the league's high standards."

"On Saturday, a wrong player was sent off, a false penalty was given. Incidents like that don't help the honesty that an attempt to stave off relegation is built on."

Stones skipper Paul Bowgett was equally scathing. "If the referee was going to send one off, he had to send two or three off. There were worse incidents going on in the brawl. I just think he was swayed by the crowd."

But from then on, there was no getting back for Stones. They had looked good early on, playing far better football than Lincoln.

But down to ten men, there was little that Stones could do. Lincoln scored a third in the injury time that was added on for the brawl.

Phil Brown received the ball on the left and jinked past two players before shooting neatly home from an angle for an excellent goal.

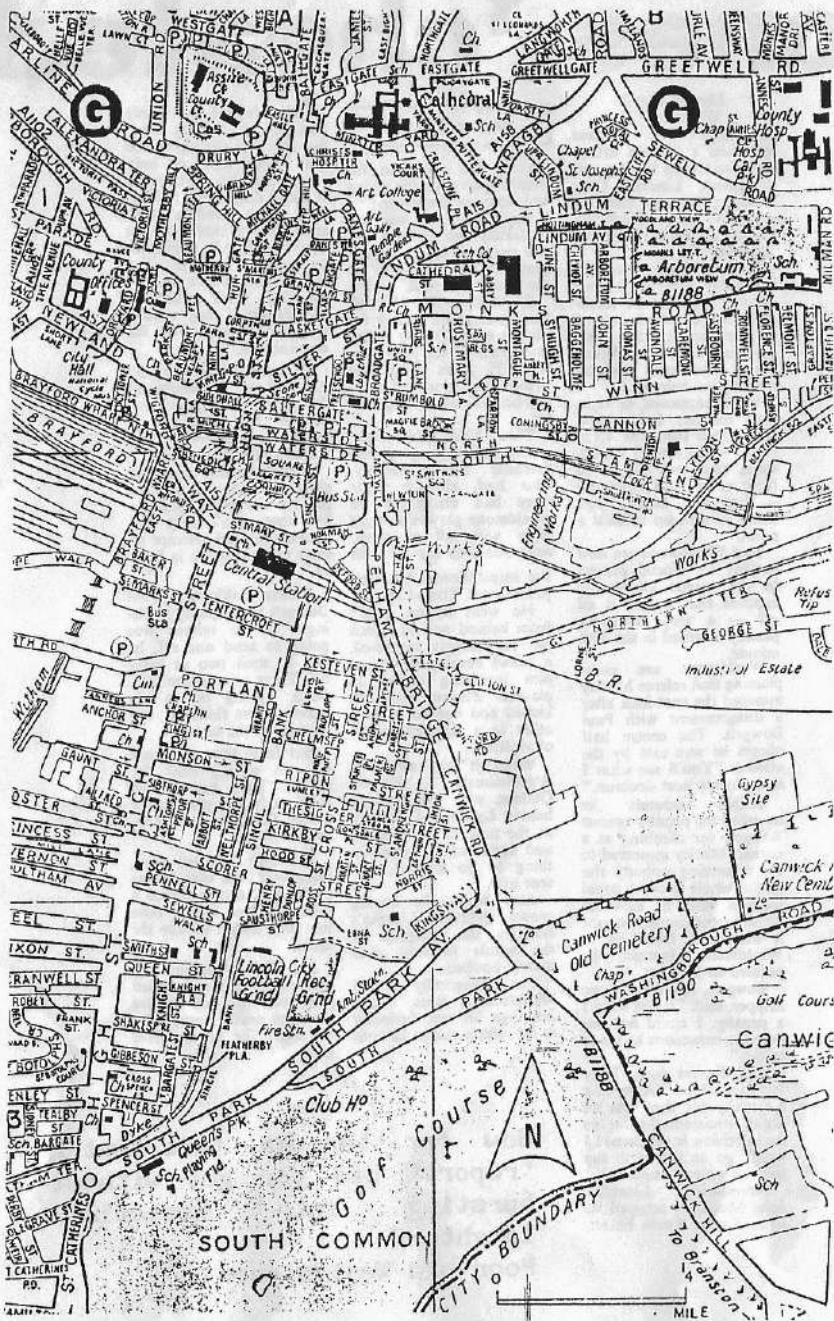
How far through this match 'report' did you get without bursting into hysterical laughter?
Poor old Wealdstone.

Is this all you get at home?

You thought you were up, you
were wrong, you were wrong.

Scarboro, Scarboro, Scarboro.

We'll see you all next year.



Sing when you're winning.

We love you Barnet, we do